

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Allison Gosbin, RN, BSN, CIC Public Health Nurse – Communicable Disease Division 715-839-4731 Allison.gosbin@co.eau-claire.wi.us

## **Health Department Offering FREE Flu Shots for Youth at Drive-Thru Clinics**

**Eau Claire, WI. October 20, 2020** – The Health Department is offering a free flu shot to children and youth (ages 6 months- 18 years) at upcoming community drive-thru flu clinics.

### Drive-thru flu clinics will be held:

- Saturday, October 24th from 10am-3pm at the Augusta Community Center in Augusta
- Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at the YMCA Indoor Sports Center (Soccer Parking Lot) in Eau Claire.

Getting a flu shot is especially important this season because the flu and COVID-19 will be spreading at the same time and have similar signs and symptoms. Getting a flu shot will help protect your child from one of these viruses. (*Click* here for a handout that shows the differences between flu and COVID-19).

# Here are a few tips on how to prepare your children for a drive-thru flu shot:

- Print, fill out, and complete paperwork in advance. Bring it with you to the clinic. Find it here: <a href="http://bit.ly/FluShotEC">http://bit.ly/FluShotEC</a>
- Dress children in a short-sleeved shirt (or a shirt that can be rolled up easily).
- Have infants and toddlers dressed in a diaper or shorts.
- Stay in your vehicle. Our team will give the flu shot right through your open car window and/or door.



"We encourage not only children, but <u>all</u> family members to get a flu shot," says Allison Gosbin, Public Health Nurse. "Getting the flu shot protects you, your family, and your community from flu." While adult flu shots aren't available at these clinics, they are available at local hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies (visit <a href="https://vaccinefinder.org">https://vaccinefinder.org</a> for a list of locations).

For more information about the Health Department drive-thru flu shot clinics, see <u>flushot.echealthdepartment.org</u>.

# Get your Flu Shot!

### Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinics

WHO

Open to all Children (ages 6 months - 18 yrs)

(whether they have insurance or not)

\*We encourage individuals to visit their healthcare provider and pharmacies for flu shots as well!

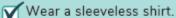
COST

FREE! (while supplies last)

WHEN/ WHERE Saturday, October 24, 2020, 10am-3pm Augusta Senior and Community Center 616 W. Washington Street, Augusta, WI 54722

Saturday, November 7, 2020, 10am-3pm Indoor Sports Center (Soccer Park Parking Lot) 3456 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

TIPS FOR FASTER SERVICE Print, fill out, and bring the consent form with you.
Find it here: http://bit.ly/FluShotEC





- If you or anyone in your household is under quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.
- If you or anyone in your household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: Headache, fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose.
- If your child is uncooperative, due to safety reasons.

Questions? Call us at 715-839-4718 or visit flushot.echealthdepartment.org

